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- At a meeting of the Democratic Bloc's managing committee on 4 July, the SED representatives demanded that all parties in the Bloc issue a statement recognizing and welcoming the Oder-Neisse line as the permanent eastern frontier of Germany. The point was debated at some length, but no agreement was reached. Georg Dertinger (for the CDU) and the LDP opposed the demand, and although Otto Grotewohl (SED) seemed willing to compromise, Paul Merker (SED), Ernst Goldenbaum (Peasant Party), and Dr. Lothar Bolz (NDP) insisted on the original SED version.

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